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UM'S JAPANESE SECTION NAMES INTERNS FOR 1995-96

MISSOULA --

Four students from The University of Montana-Missoula have been chosen by the foreign languages and literatures department's Japanese section to spend a year in Japan through two internship programs.

Tara Hauke, a sophomore in business from Portland, Ore., and Mark LaRoque, a senior in business administration from Columbia Falls, will work at the Hotel Sunroute Shirikawa in Shirikawa, Japan, through the Shirikawa Internship. The program, introduced this year, offers students a chance to learn more about the business environment in Japan while sharpening language skills.

Jody Friberg, a freshman in liberal studies from Helena, and Jonathan VanDyke, a senior in political science and Japanese from Missoula, will teach English in Date, Hokkaido, under the Date English Speakers' Project Internship.

Hauke and LaRoque will be trained at the Hotel Sunroute in various aspects of the hotel industry. The Sunroute is a nine-story business hotel with facilities for conferences, weddings and banquets. The interns will prepare guest accounts and take reservations at the front desk, assist with customer service and with preparations for weddings and banquets, and offer in-house English instruction. Hauke and LaRoque will leave for Shirikawa in May and work there for one year.

Friberg and VanDyke will travel to Date in June and teach English in the local schools and

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community for one year.

Applicants for the Shirikawa internship are required to have at least two years of college-level Japanese. The interns earn four credits over two semesters, which count toward a degree in Japanese language and literature.

Prospective Date interns must be at least junior level and have a minimum of two years of college Japanese. Previous teaching experience is not required.

Both internships provide a salary, room and board, round-trip airfare and free or subsidized housing and medical insurance. Shirikawa interns also receive subsidized meals in the hotel.

Professor Judith Rabinovitch, head of UM's Japanese language program, said a third internship program is planned for next year. The new internship will enable two students of Japanese to teach English in Noheji, a small town at the northern tip of Honshu, for a period of a year. Rabinovitch said the Noheji internship will be similar to the Date teaching internship.

Students interested in any of the Japanese internship opportunities should contact Rabinovitch at (406) 243-5101.

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